

SUGAR AND COFFEE GO DOWN

New York, Sept. 20.—The first of the season's sugar and coffee prices may have reached their apex today, yesterday when it was announced that the American had reduced their figures on granulated from 7.50 cents per pound to 6.75, which is the price that has been quoted by the American for some time past. This reaction followed a decline in sugar yesterday of 11 points to 7.50 for centrifugal 91 test. In a big settlement in today's paper a head line, which expresses the belief that the domestic crop prospects are good, said the present action should be taken with their harvesting which will be in full progress next month. Coffee was off 1.8 cent today from the record price at which it has been selling. The No. 1 was reduced to 17.75 in the market and somewhat weaker conditions on the coffee exchange have to meet barish European news the effect of which has been to further encourage but not buyers to adhere to their conservative policy as it showed that the market was working into a position where a sharp reaction might be expected at any time.

YOUTH SIGNS AWAY LIFE

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 20.—Edward Matt, who today married Miss Gertrude Pille, sought to avoid future domestic felicity by filing with the county recorder a guarantee to be as healthy the model husband as possible. The guarantee contained and signed by a notary, read:

"Who can do as she pleases. She is free to go and come when she likes to go with whom she chooses and I will not be jealous. I will not go quarreling for a fellow I come in contact with but I will be as kind and gentle as possible when he is near me. I will not interfere with any of his plans. I will be kind and good to her. I will give her all my earnings and it will be her privilege to do with my income as she likes so long as she feeds me well."

When we have a marriage and I go to the bank I agree not to hold the checks. The checks may be signed by either of us I agree to come home at a proper hour each night or give her a valid excuse."

And I further agree that I will let her get a divorce if I fail to be as good a husband as she can make me."

When the guarantee had been duly placed on record the couple sought a minister and were married.

Trainsman H. H. Smith of the Central of Georgia railway is in the city today.

Smoke in the "Canada" the only smoke right on the market with a floating aroma at Nix's drug store. 715 1st.

Wanted Bread Had Courage

One day riding along the road, Gen. Gordon came upon a republican prayer meeting which was very impressive. The men were kneeling or standing with bowed heads about the chaplain who was praying in a voice of wonderful compass. The general checked his horse and removed his hat and waited for the end of the prayer. The chaplain asked the Lord to give the men of the army supreme courage to meet the great crisis that had come upon them in confidence to bear new privations and troubles strength to fight against the pursuing enemy. Just then a tall private rose from his knees and shouted to the chaplain, "Pray for bread, chaplain, pray for bread! We have courage to spare but to fight we must have something to eat. Pray for bread!" This broke up the prayer meeting.

An Inappropriate Letter

After a "conquering" performance in Queen Victoria hall it was the custom for her majesty's secretary to send a letter of thanks to the responsible manager. Sir Henry Ponsonby, upon whom this duty devolved, was the pupil of politeness and not wishing to make any invidious distinction, drew up a form of letter for general use. As a rule this plan worked well but on one occasion the proprietor of a troupe of performing gnomes, which had entertained the royal children at a Windsor garden party, received the following communication from Sir Henry: "Sir—I am instructed by the queen to thank you for your visit of yesterday and to express the hope that the ladies and gentlemen of your company arrived safely in London and in good health."

WHEN GROWTH STOPS.

Reasons Why We Do Not Keep on in Growing in Stature.

Six pounds and a half is the weight of the average child at birth, at the end of the first year the average weight is eighteen pounds and a half, a gain of twelve pounds and at the end of the second year the weight is twenty three pounds a gain of only four pounds and a half. And with such success now the gain is less and less until maturity is reached. Why is the gain less each year? And why does it finally stop altogether?

The reason is that the absorbing surfaces inside the stomach and intestines do not act in the nature of things cannot grow proportionately to the growth of the body as a whole. During the first year of growth the child's body becomes approximately three times as large as it was at birth, but the interior of the stomach and bowel of the child at the age of one year is not even twice as large as it was at birth. Let alone three times as large. Yet all the nourishment which supplies material for growth has to be absorbed by the membrane which lines the stomach and especially the small intestine. It is therefore plain that growth of the body as a whole must gradually get behind the growth of the internal organs. As the body grows the amount of food necessary to increase size of the lower animals the same number of pounds during the period of growth. It was found that the amount for all lower vertebrate animals was practically the same but that the amount for man was six times as much. Also experiments prove that in lower animals 11 percent of all the food consumed is utilized for growth while in man only 5 percent is so utilized.

Although adult men and women are larger and heavier than women of the same age, girls between the age of twelve and fifteen are larger than boys of that age.

Usually, recent discoveries indicate that the thyroid and other ductless glands mysteriously control growth.—New Orleans Times Democrat.

His Match

"Richard Mansfield had a ready tongue," said an actor in a Broadway restaurant, "but he often met his match."

"He once lived a comedian who is now a great success but the young man in those days didn't lose his business. What sublime cheek he had, though!"

"Mansfield one night in Chicago after the young fellow had spoiled his best scene, and in the most cutting Mansfield manner."

"We don't mind it if we shall not be together next season."

"The other looked surprised and choked."

"What are you going to leave us, Dick?" he said."

His Monks Tested

"The Life Land Work," said a New York horseman, "had a direct and simple answer to a good deal like Mark Twain's."

"Talking to him once about a job, I said indignantly:

"I don't know how any one can call him a saint."

"Well," said Mr. Wood, "all I can say is he's been up before the committee three times, a record of all my time, and he got a letter from me. I don't know a jockey in America that has had his skin lacerated after an effort."

I am here

But when in town of his great love he would be smothered her with kisses, he declared:

"She smothered me, 'no fa miliarities'."

Yet even in that trying moment his presence of mind did not desert him. "If they are indeed familiarities to us certainly not to be resorted to and howl from him after which as usual, in case of his, he took himself off. Paid."

Was a Mystery to Him

"Will Thum," said one farmer to another, "I'm sorry to hear the bad news about your woman Sarah. Is it really so that she has been taken to the measure?"

"It certainly be," said the farmer husband, "and I don't understand it. For how Sarah could have gone crazy, for she hadn't been out of the kitchen a day in twenty years."—The Dies' House Journal.

TURQUOISE MINES.

Their Product Is More or Less of a Gamble in Persia.

"The turquoise mines of Persia are situated some hundreds of feet up a low range of hills which are of a magenta hue and the one we visited was entered by a tiny iron grille. Once inside," says a writer in the Wide World Magazine, "we scrambled down over very rough rocks to a lateral gallery at the end of which by the crimson light of evil-smelling earthenware lamps the quarrying was in full swing."

Two gangs, each composed of three or four men, were knocking off pieces of the rock and then ramming them up. The operation, having been completed, was carried the ore up to the surface. After observing this very primitive method of mining, we were next taken up to a point above the mine and were to find an explanation to illustrate the Persian way of mining.

This much to our relief, passed off without any accident and we then returned to the village to witness the operation of sorting the turquoise. The contents of the bags were poured into shallow circular pans into which the men were crouching. The stones were then sorted by color and size.

After perhaps half an hour of this treatment fresh water was run in and the turquoise examined. The process is repeated three times and then the turquoise which is still in the rock are sorted into several boxes and sent into the city. These consignments are purchased by the stone merchants by pre-arranged prices.

It is not at all easy to get the value of the stones can be in any way estimated and purchasing large quantities is a difficult thing to do. The stones are sold in bulk and the value of the stones is determined by the quality of the stones and the quantity of the stones.

Monster Beds

Then it is the beds of the royal per sons, as of England were elaborately carved and hung with rich curtains even so late as the Tudor period it is recorded that King Henry VIII had continued only straw beneath all his luxury. A curious or del exists as to precautions to be taken against the possibility of an intended mischief to the royal person in the making of the bed for the upholster was to search the straw through with a dagger "that there be none untruth therein and to tumble over on the down bed for the better search thereof." The bed of Henry VIII was nearly eleven feet square, and of even more generous dimensions is the great bed to which Shakespeare refers in a well known passage in "Twelfth Night" which was twelve feet square. This "great bed of Ware" has been a marvel for centuries.

For a Cold Kiss a Mule

Some of the sufferers from coughs and colds may feel disposed to try one of the remedies recommended by Pliny. These include wolf's liver dissolved in hot wine, honey mixed with the gall of a bear and powdered made from rabbit skins and bullfinch's horns burned and pounded together. Should one of these have no effect, a remedy of a fishy kind is recommended. Place one in the mouth for a minute and when he makes his escape the sufferer is cured. No harm is done to the fish. For a cold in the head Pliny advises a simple yet infallible remedy—three kisses on the mouth at a single time.

Nobility

There was once in Oxford don a very eminent man whose other was a humble carpenter. As the don started conversing one day before the carpenter with a group of distinguished visitors the old man in his working clothes, slunk by on the other side of the street thinking he would spare his son the mortification of a salute. But the son, breaking off his conversation, called out in the good Hampshire dialect of his childhood:

"Th' feather! If thee hasn't as much of it, I ha'n't as much of thee."

Just as Had

Mr. Simpson was reading the news papers.

Here a man got in a drunk and was staked to death. He said aloud:

His wife glanced up from her knitting and commented:

"In some low drinking den, I suppose?"

"No, th' paper says he got staked in th' throat cavity."

"Same thing. You'd think th' police'd close such a place up."

MOUTHS OF INSECTS.

They Hold Saws, Saws, Files, Lances and Augers.

The mouths of all creatures are constructed upon purely mechanical principles, and in few classes of the animal world have we more beautiful illustrations of design and contrivance than in that of insects. Insects armed with strong, penetrating tools for seizing and securing active and struggling prey, sharp and powerful saws for clipping and dividing softer parts of vegetables, new files and augers for extracting and boring the harder parts of plants, lances for piercing the skin of living animals, sponges and suckers for imbibing fluid nutriment—all these in a thousand forms are met with in the insect world and thus provide means by means of obtaining food adapted to their habits and even of constructing for them various edifices of imitable workmanship.

The upper pair of jaws in the dragon fly are two hard and powerful hooks placed immediately beneath the upper lip and so articulated with the cheeks that they move horizontally, opening and shutting like the blades of a pair of scissors. Their concave edges are furnished with cutting dentulations of various kinds like sharp saws, which will clip and divide the hardest animal and vegetable substances. The variety of jaws to which these mandibles can be turned is indeed amazing. Sometimes they form sharp and pointed fangs adapted to seize and pierce their victims and not infrequently they constitute a series of grinding surfaces disposed to triturate and break the materials used as food.

In the carnivorous beetles their hooked points are more formidable than the teeth of the tiger, penetrating with ease the hard covering of the stoutest insects on which they prey.

These organs in the wasps and bees form the instruments with which the insects build their admirable edifices.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The first determination of the distance of the sun has been calculated from observations of the planet Mars. This is one of the minor planets and its orbit is between that of the earth and Mars. The observations are reduced by Arthur Hawksley, an amateur astronomer of 8,500 seconds in a year of time. This works out to 92,900,000 miles as the solar distance. This is rather less than that given in most textbooks and is held to be more accurate.—London Globe.

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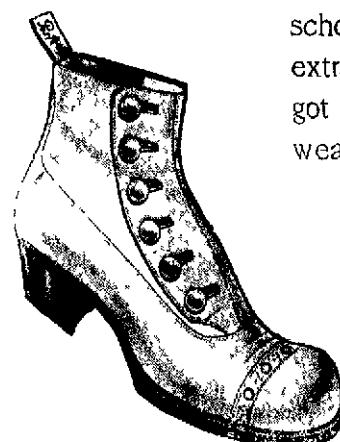
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GOOD ROAD TRAIN TO ALABAMA

Washington Sept. 28.—The first of good roads special trains to be operated this fall and winter over loading railroad systems by the Federal office of public roads will leave Nashville Tenn. October 9 for a month's tour of the lines of the Nashville Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad in Tennessee Kentucky and Alabama.

The special train will consist of a Pullman sleeping car a Pullman dining car a Pullman baggage car and a Pullman observation car. The train will be equipped with the latest in road building machinery and will be accompanied by a number of Federal engineers.

FOR SALE

A beautiful little cottage on Brannon Island garden and about ten miles west of Dothan. The house and outbuildings are in excellent condition. A nice 120 acre farm on the south side of Dothan. The place is of a very high class and adapted for a residence as well as for a country home. Call for more terms on either place.

Can sell 20 acres 100 acres or 120 acres on graded road just outside of Dothan at attractive prices. The 20 acre tract and 120 acre farm are both in excellent condition.

The following is a list of the property for sale: A 100 acre tract on the south side of Dothan. A 120 acre tract on the south side of Dothan. A 100 acre tract on the south side of Dothan. A 120 acre tract on the south side of Dothan.

WICKSBURG NEWS

J. J. Niles, whom we reported last week as being very sick is slowly improving.

E. M. Turner went to Claxhatche Sunday to attend the Sunday School Convention there.

James Riley, of Cottonwood, was here visiting relatives Tuesday.

J. W. Collins of County Line was transacting business here Saturday.

The prayer meeting at the Methodist church has been changed from Thursday night to Sunday night.

Harvey Lee and Miss Freddie S. were through attending the play at County Line Sunday afternoon.

B. J. Blister has accepted a position with a glazing company at St. Louis.

Rev. Mr. Guilford, a Free Will Baptist preacher, delivered an excellent sermon at Goodwater church Sunday.

J. J. Collins made a business trip to Hartford Tuesday.

The Dixie Masters of men New town was visiting friends here Saturday and Sunday.

The foundations were laid for a new school building in the (Columbia district) two miles south of town Monday.

Mr. C. D. Hollingsworth is the contractor for the new building.

The J. H. Doyers made a business trip to Hartford Tuesday.

A. C. Lough B. and family visited relatives in Alabama Sunday.

Open season for agriculturists.

CREFRONIAN NOTES

The Crefronian Literary Society held its first meeting in the hall Monday, September 26th.

The society having been called order by Prof. Southard the following officers were elected:

Glenn Merrill president Mary Flowers vice president Mary Pittman secretary, Elmore Crymson William Malone treasurer, Eldridge Melton sergeant at arms, Hattie Green and Charlie Farwellors J. P. Culver and H. Smith press committee.

A motion was made and carried that the fee be raised from ten to fifteen cents.

We have elected a number of members and hope to make this most successful year of the society.

No other business coming on the society we adjourned to meet in the music room Monday Oct. 2nd.

J. P. Culver Helen Smith Press Comm.

John Hutchinson, a well known lawyer, man of color was here yesterday.

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The Bicycle Man.

PAROLE AND DAY TWO LATE

A bent old woman and a younger woman went into the office of Governor O'Neal Thursday to ask for the pardon of a nephew and a brother the same man, Ed Hicks who was sentenced from Hellock county to the penitentiary for twenty five years.

The Hellock of Arkansas had received a pardon for the boy because it stated there was doubt as to his guilt. A certificate from a physician stated that the convict was in the stages of consumption.

Governor O'Neal said about to sign the pardon and find it to the bent

old woman and the younger woman standing at his hand was Alfred Moore bookkeeper at Wetumpka. Glancing at the papers he saw the name.

Too late he said addressing the governor. Hicks died yesterday.

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DO THAN'S

Importance as a Commercial Center.

During last season the Dothan compresses handled 119,329 bales of cotton, valued at \$11,500,000

Fertilizer shipped from Dothan \$1,000,000

And another \$1,000,000 worth used by the territory which naturally should come from Dothan.

Dothan has 105 brick business houses—all occupied.

The combined capital stock of the Dothan banks amount to \$745,000.

Dothan spent \$500,000 last year for new buildings and improvements.

Dothan's population jumped from 3,257 in 1900 to 7,016 in 1910.

Conservative estimates place the population now at 9,000